

House File 371 - Introduced

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BY DE BOEF

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the requirement that school districts have a
2 qualified guidance counselor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 9A, Code 2011, is
2 amended by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. Section 256.11A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
4 2011, is amended by striking the paragraph.

5 Sec. 3. Section 256.11A, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 2. A request for a waiver filed by the board of directors
8 of a school district pursuant to subsection 1 shall describe
9 actions being taken by the district to meet the requirement for
10 which the district has requested a waiver. A school district
11 cannot request a waiver of a requirement under subsection 1 if
12 it met the requirements of section 256.11, subsection 9, ~~9A,~~ or
13 9B, as applicable, in the previous school year.

14 Sec. 4. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph m, Code
15 2011, is amended to read as follows:

16 *m.* The addition of one or more teacher librarians pursuant
17 to section 256.11, subsection 9, ~~one or more guidance~~
18 ~~counselors pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 9A,~~ or one or
19 more school nurses pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 9B.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill strikes a requirement that a school district
22 have a qualified guidance counselor licensed by the board
23 of educational examiners, strikes the goal of having one
24 qualified guidance counselor for every 350 students enrolled
25 in a school district, strikes a provision requiring the state
26 board of education to establish in rule a definition of and
27 standards for an articulated sequential kindergarten through
28 grade 12 guidance and counseling program, strikes a provision
29 that authorizes the school budget review committee to grant
30 supplemental aid or modified allowable growth to school
31 districts adding one or more guidance counselors, and makes
32 conforming changes and eliminates related out-of-date language.